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| (li) Malaysia | 28.8.95—-29.8.95 |
| Singapore | 30.8.95—31.8.95 |
| Australia | 2.9.95—4.9.95 |
| (iii) London | 16.9.96—19.9.96 |
| Frankfurt | 22.9.96—24.9.96 |

The detailed tour notes in respect of all these tours were submitted by ED (Vigilance), STC and were presented to the Board of Directors.

Companion free travel facility was availed by ED (Vigilance), STC in Sept. 1996 as per the scheme extended by the airlines. ED (Vigilance), STC while availing free companion travel facility in Sept. '96 travelled by Air India. The advice of Deptt. of Public Enterprises and Deptt. of Personnel & Training have been requested by the Ministry.

**Fact Finding Report in respect of import of Newsprint from Russia**

2306. SHRI NAGMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ED (Vigilance) of STC in his fact finding report dated 6th June 1994, in respect of import of Russian newsprint enclosed a copy of the Customs print-out stating that the same was from a sister agency;

(b) if so, the details of such agency together with its complete particulars and the official status;

(c) if not, the source of the printout giving its complete particulars and the official status of the agency; and

(d) the details regarding copies of communication exchanged between the sister agency and ED (Vigilance)/his nomine and/or receipt of payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Since Special Unit, CBI was holding parallel inquiries into the deal simultaneously to the on-going factfinding inquiry into the newsprint deal, a copy of the print-out was procured from them by way of sharing of information. The case is still under investigation by CBI.

(d) No formal communication was exchanged.

**Working of CMD, STC**

2307. SHRI NACMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during late 1993 the then CMD, STC on the recommendations of the then Director (Vigilance) STC, lifted the business ban/ blacklisting on M/s. Mayar International and imposed a business ban on another firm M/s. Anika International; and

(b) the complete details of such ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) STC has intimated that the decision about business ban on M/s. Mayar Marketing Consultants was communicated to them vide its letter dated 29.1.92 under intimation to the Indian branches. The status of business ban on them presently is a subject matter of investigation in the Criminal Case registered by CBI on 5.1.96.

During May, 1992, a case was registered by the CBI against Shri B.K. Shroff, former Director (Finance) of STC, M/s. Finnpap, Finland and M/s. Anika International, New Delhi regarding placing of an order at an exorbitant rate on M/s. Finnpap during December 1991 by exercising 'option' without floating tender.

Pursuant to registration of the above case, the blacklisting of M/s. Anika International, New Delhi and their principals M/s. Finnpap, a Finnish concern, one of STC's long-term suppliers of Glazed Newsprint, was approved by the then CMD on 8.9.92 on the recommendations of the then Director (Vigilance), STC.